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PROJECT INFORMATION	
Project Name: Academy Dr. & Vanguard Dr.	MOA/ADOT Project #: CFHWY00752
Community Council(s): Abbott Loop, Taku/Campbell, Bayshore/Klatt	
Project description (location): This Academy Dr. & Vanguard Dr. Area Improvements project will improve Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive to better accommodate pedestrian and traffic demands. The project may include roadway realignment(s), intersection improvements, drainage improvements, right-of-way acquisitions, utility relocations, pedestrian improvements, accessibility improvements, and roadside hardware.	

I hereby certify that (I am)(I have been authorized to act for) owner of the property described above and that I petition for a Transportation Project review in conformance with Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal Code of Ordinances. I understand that payment of the application fee is nonrefundable and is to cover costs associated with processing this application, and that it does not assure approval of the Transportation Project. I also understand that assigned hearing dates are tentative and may have to be postponed by Planning Department staff, the Planning and Zoning Commission or Urban Design Commission for administrative reasons.

Date _____ Signature (Agents must provide written proof of authorization) _____

Accepted by:	Poster & Affidavit:	Fee	Case Number	Meeting Date
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Application for transportation project site plan review continued

CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS CONCEPT REPORT DOCUMENTATION

- ☒ Transportation Project Review Application Form with original signatures
- ☒ Concept report document
- ☐ Environmental Analysis or Environmental Impact Study, if applicable (not applicable)
- ☒ 15 complete sets of above items, including 1 copy on CD or USB drive, submitted 30 days prior to the desired Planning & Zoning Commission meeting date

DRAFT DESIGN STUDY REPORT (35% LEVEL OF DESIGN) DOCUMENTATION

- ☐ Transportation Project Review Application Form with original signatures
- ☐ Narrative addressing AMC 21.03.190B.4.b.i. – xiii.
- ☐ Design Study Report Summary, including:
 1. Introduction
 - A. Location Map and Project Boundaries
 - B. Purpose
 - C. Need
 2. History (Project Origin) and Input from other Planning Documents
 - A. Anchorage Comprehensive Plan
 - B. Local Planning Studies/CIP/TIP/LRTP
 - C. Anchorage Pedestrian Plan or Areawide Trails Plan
 3. Existing Conditions
 - A. Right-of-Way Availability
 - B. Traffic Conditions
 - C. Pedestrian Conditions
 - D. Context (Land Use, Street Character)
 - E. Existing Landscape
 - F. Existing Utilities
 - G. Existing Drainage
 4. Design Standards

What Standard is the project being designed to? (Collector, Arterial, OSHP Classification, LRTP typology, etc.)

How do existing conditions impact the ability to meet those standards?
 5. Design Alternatives
 - A. Design narrative and graphic for each alternative considered. Note that the discussion of each alternative should address traffic (and traffic calming), parking, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and utilities (to include lighting), and right of way considerations (does right of way need to be purchased?)
 - B. Recommended Alternative with narrative (why is it recommended?) To include a discussion of the landscape approach and other enhancements (gateway features, fencing, etc.)
 6. Public Involvement Summary
 7. Rough Estimated Project Cost
 8. Maintenance Considerations
 9. Response to comments from Concept Report Review
 10. Preliminary Project Plans
- ☐ 17 Complete sets of above items, including 1 copy on CD or USB drive

PLANS IN HAND (55-65% LEVEL OF DESIGN) DOCUMENTATION

- ☐ Road Project Review Application Form with original signatures
- ☐ Narrative addressing AMC 21.03.190B.5.c.i. – vii.
- ☐ Memo addressing Review Comments from DSR Review
- ☐ 55% to 65% Project Plans
- ☒ 17 Complete sets of above items, including 1 copy on CD or USB drive



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Regarding: AMATS: Academy Dr & Vanguard Dr Area Improvements
Project Number(s): CFHWY00783/0001753

Dear Mr. Craig Lyon:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is the project manager for the AMATS: Academy Dr & Vanguard Dr Area Improvements project. We authorize HDL Engineering Consultants, LLC and Huddle AK to act on our behalf to complete and submit all of the Context Sensitive Solutions Transportation Project actions for the above mentioned project.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia Hanson".

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Concept Report

for

AMATS: Academy Dr. & Vanguard Dr. Area Improvements
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ACRONYMS

ALCC	Abbott Loop Community Council
AMATS	Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions
AMC	Anchorage Municipal Code
BKCC	Bayshore/Klatt Community Council
CSS	Context Sensitive Solutions
DOT&PF	State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
MPH	miles per hour
MOA	Municipality of Anchorage
OSHP	Official Streets and Highways Plan
ROW	Right-of-Way
TCCC	Taku/Campbell Community Council
TIP	Transportation Improvement Plan

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 Introduction

Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive are roadways managed and maintained by the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA). However, as a federally funded project, the project is being completed cooperatively with the MOA Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) and the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF). The MOA's Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) approach will be utilized to improve motorized and active transportation needs in the project area.

In 2008, the MOA adopted the policy document "A Strategy for Developing Context Sensitive Transportation Projects". This policy document provides the MOA guidance for how to plan and design transportation projects with methods grounded in community values and input. These methods are known as CSS.

The early stages of the CSS process involve:

- understanding and defining the project site;
- reaching out and listening to the public and project stakeholders;
- defining the problems; and
- developing early concepts that address the problems.

The results of early project research are summarized in a project Concept Report. The "A Strategy for Developing Context Sensitive Transportation Projects" document defines a concept report as:

*"Develop and document an understanding of the problem -- defining the nature, scope, and severity of the transportation problem to be solved. The problem definition should include: What are the underlying issues? What is the whole problem? What is the severity of the problem? [...] **The outcome is a report documenting the problems to be solved, the issues identified by the public, a concept or concepts to advance to the next phase (if there is one) and a recommendation to proceed, if support exists to do so.**"*

The CSS guidelines, as described above, are the basis for the Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive Area Improvements Concept Report document that follows.

1.2 Background

The MOA has identified a need to improve Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive from Brayton Drive to Abbott Road, including the Abbott Road intersection. The need was added to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) in July 2021. This reconstruction project will address safety concerns and improve connectivity in the area for motorized and non-motorized transportation needs.

The Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive project was previously an MOA managed project, funded by Municipal bonds. As part of that project, five different alternative routes were developed, and a preferred alternative was selected and moved to 95% design. However, the decision was made by MOA leadership to pursue the use of federal funding for these improvements and the project was moved to the TIP.

The Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive Area Improvements project is now federally funded and led by DOT&PF, in collaboration with the MOA. The project may include roadway realignment(s), intersection improvements, drainage improvements, right-of-way acquisitions, utility relocations, pedestrian improvements, accessibility improvements, and roadside hardware.



Figure 1: Project Area Map

2.0 AREA CONTEXT

The Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive Area Improvements project area falls within the Abbott Loop Community Council (ALCC) boundary, which covers an area bordered by Dowling Road to the north, Seward Highway to the west, Birch Road and Elmore Road on the east, and O'Malley Road and Abbott Road on the south. These roadways serve several adjacent residential neighborhoods, commercial offices, medical offices, and a mixture of services and retail. Part of the project area falls within the area designated as the Abbott Town Center as designated in the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan (MOA, 2017).

According to the 2020 US Census¹, ALCC is home to approximately eight percent of Anchorage's population, with 23,254 residents in 8,333 households. Development in the area is a mixture of residential, industrial, and commercial uses as shown in Figure 2. The project area is bordered by R-2M (Multiple Family Residential), R-2A (Two-Family Residential), I-1 (Light Industrial), I-1 SL (Light Industrial with Special Limitations), and B-3 SL (Urban/Suburban Commercial Districts with Special Limitations) land use zoning.

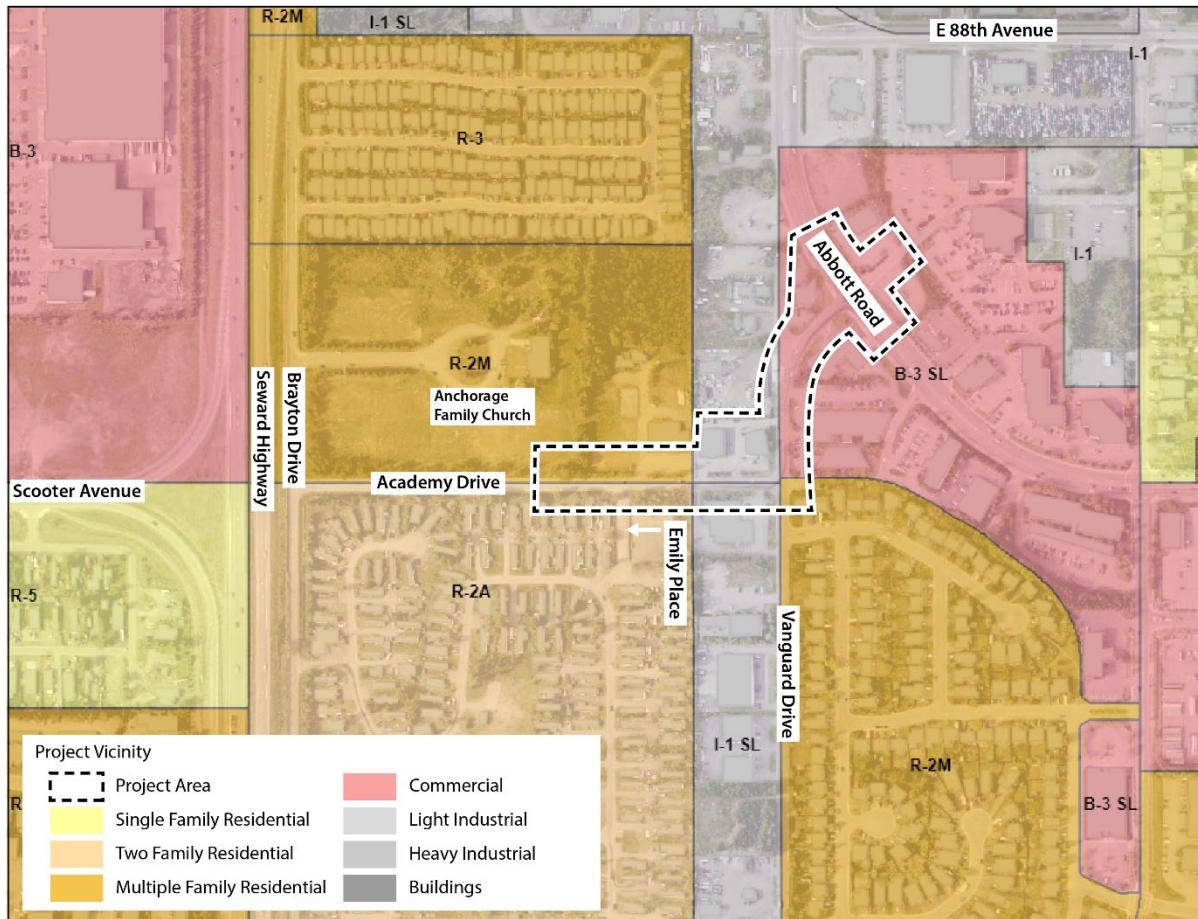


Figure 2: Land Use

2.1 Existing Conditions

Academy Drive is a 1,430 foot long east-west connector that terminates at Vanguard Drive to the east and connects to Brayton Drive to the west. Academy Drive is classified as a minor arterial in the MOA Official Streets and Highways Plan (OSHP). It is a two-lane roadway (one travel lane in each direction) with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour (mph). The right-of-way (ROW) width for Academy Drive varies due to previous acquisitions that have taken place in preparation

¹ EPA. 2024. Abbott Loop Community Council Boundaries. Accessed February 1, 2024. <https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>

for this project and the adjacent project on the Seward Highway from Dimond Boulevard to O'Malley Road. The narrowest segment is 66-feet wide in the area just west of Vanguard Drive.

Properties on the northern side of Academy Drive are a mix of commercial properties including religious institutions, commercial, and mixed-use development. Properties on the southern side of Academy Drive are mostly residential with commercial use on the corner at Vanguard Drive. Existing utilities in the corridor include natural gas, sewer, water, electric and communications (ACS, GCI).



Figure 3: Academy Drive looking East towards Vanguard Drive

Vanguard Drive extends from Abbott Road at the north to Independence Drive at the south. The northernmost ~600-feet is within the project area. Vanguard Drive is classified as a minor arterial (from Abbott Road to Academy Drive), is a two-lane roadway (one travel lane in each direction) and has a posted speed of 25 mph. The existing ROW width for Vanguard Drive is 60-feet.

Both roads are currently served by Fire Station 12 (located at 7920 Homer Drive). There is existing street lighting on the north side of Academy Drive and on the east side of Vanguard Drive. However, there are no sidewalks or trails on either side of Academy or Vanguard Drive. Both roads are MOA managed and maintained roadways. Roadways are flat with no built-in traffic calming elements.

Abbott Road is also an MOA roadway, classified as a major arterial with 100-foot-wide ROW and has a posted speed limit of 45 mph. At the intersection of Vanguard Drive, Abbott Road consists of five lanes of traffic (two travel lanes in each direction, one turn lane) with a sidewalk or trail on both sides of the roadway.

The intersection of Academy Drive and Vanguard drive is currently a “T intersection” with Academy Drive terminating, which is stop controlled. The 90-degree intersection configuration may be replaced with one that allows more free-flow traffic conditions in the east-west direction to improve the Abbott Road and Brayton Drive connection.



Figure 4: Academy Drive looking East at intersection with Vanguard Drive

The segment of Vanguard Drive north of Abbott Road is approximately 400 feet long, running northeast southwest. There is no street lighting or sidewalks in this segment of Vanguard Drive. This segment is not within a public right-of way but falls within an access easement and is considered a private drive that serves several commercial buildings, a medical facility and connects to private residences.



Figure 5: Section of Vanguard Drive North of Abbott Road looking Northeast

3.0 GUIDING DOCUMENTS

Development for this project corridor is guided by the following plans and associated policies and goals as detailed in the table below.

Table 1: Guiding Plans

GUIDING PLANS	REGARDING ACADEMY/ VANGUARD DRIVE
2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan	Identified as Short-Term Project #103 Purpose: Connectivity and Access
Official Streets and Highways Plan	Classified as Minor Arterials (Class II) Recommends 80-foot ROW width
Anchorage Non-Motorized Plan	Bicycle Project #52 – Recommends a Separated Bikeway along W 92nd Ave/Scooter Ave/Academy Dr from C St to Vanguard. Bicycle Project #56 – Recommends a study corridor along the Abbott Road section Pedestrian Project #76 – Identifies the missing link between the east and west side of the highway at Scooter Ave.

4.0 PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED

The purpose and need of this project is to provide an improved travel corridor between Brayton Drive and Abbott Road. The east/west flow of traffic between Abbott Road and Brayton Drive is currently interrupted by a stop sign with a 90-degree turn at the intersection of Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive. The 90-degree intersection configuration may be replaced with one that allows more free-flow traffic conditions in the east-west direction. The project would improve east/west traffic connectivity, provide more efficient traffic flow, and better accommodate potential traffic volume increases which may be generated by a future extension of Academy Drive to the west beneath the Seward Highway.

5.0 ISSUES IDENTIFIED

5.1 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

Neither of the existing portions of Vanguard Drive or Academy Drive have bicycle or pedestrian facilities. Residents have voiced concerns about the lack of non-motorized facilities to provide residents safe and comfortable access to nearby commercial properties. Additionally, the existing layout does not meet current roadway development standards.

5.2 Right-of-Way

The ROW width of Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive varies in the project area. The project may include acquiring additional ROW to accommodate improvements.

5.3 Traffic and Safety

There are concerns related to traffic and safety in the corridor, specifically access at Abbott Road and speeding throughout the area. Residents voiced concerns about their limited ability to use the Abbott Road intersection due to high traffic volumes, queuing, and high speeds. Left turns and thru movements are difficult due to the curved geometry of Abbott Road, which limits sight distances, especially in winter conditions. Many stakeholders questioned if a signal would be constructed at the Abbott Road and Vanguard Road intersection. Improvements to this intersection will be evaluated as part of this project. Stakeholders were also in favor of

roundabouts and the safer intersections they create, particularly at the Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive intersection.

5.4 Connectivity

The east-west connection improvement was identified by stakeholders as important to alleviate traffic congestion in the area. The one way in and out nature of Patriot and Independence Park has created out-of-direction travel for residents with circulation bottle necking at Academy Drive. There are concerns that increased traffic may negatively impact the Patriot Park neighborhood.

6.0 PROBLEM SOLVING CONCEPTS

The Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive Area Improvements project will work to improve safety and connectivity for area stakeholders. The proposed work for this project may include the following:

- Roadway realignment(s)
- Intersection improvements
- Drainage Improvements
- Right-of-way acquisitions
- Utility relocations
- Pedestrian and non-motorized improvements
- Accessibility improvements
- Roadside hardware (such as signage)
- Street illumination

7.0 STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY

Using the MOA CSS process, public and agency outreach began in October 2023. The MOA CSS process will be ongoing for the life of the project. There will be additional agency and public meetings for stakeholders to receive updates and provide feedback as the project develops via the project website, e-newsletters, mailers, and phone calls and emails to the project team.

To identify stakeholders, “A Strategy for Developing Context Sensitive Transportation Projects” provides the following guidance.

“The main idea is based on common sense – if a project will affect the lives, goals and objectives or mission of a group, they should be involved in the decisions that frame the project.”

The following table identifies the individuals and agencies who may be affected by the area improvements.

Table 2: List of Project Stakeholders

Public	Government Entities	Utility Companies	Other
Property owners	DOT&PF	Alaska Communications (ACS)	Anchorage Federation of Community Councils (FCC)
Business owners	AMATS	Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU)	Area Community Councils (Abbott Loop, Bayshore/Klatt, Taku/Campbell)
Commuters	Anchorage School District (ASD)	Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (CEA)	
Residents in adjacent communities/ neighborhoods	Area legislators and elected officials	ENSTAR Natural Gas Company	Alaska Trucking Association
	Anchorage Fire Department (AFD)	GCI Communication Corp. (GCI)	
	Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department (APRD)		
	Anchorage Police Department (APD)		
	Mayor and Assembly		
	People Mover		

The community council stakeholders that are directly impacted by this area improvement project were identified as Abbott Loop, Bayshore/Klatt and Taku/Campbell community councils. The three councils were contacted through email and public meeting information was provided prior to the December 7th Open House. Table 3 summarizes all the public outreach activities to date. Copies of the mailing area, announcements, emails, presentations, and meeting summaries are available in Appendices B and C.

Table 3: Public Outreach Activities

Outreach	Item	Date(s)
Website	Project website: https://academyvanguard.com	Launched November 13, 2023
Open House #1	Community Council Open House Announcement for Agenda	October 24, 2023
	Postcard Announcement of Open House #1	November 14, 2023
	E-Newsletter Announcement of Open House #1	November 16, 2023
	Anchorage Daily News Advertisement	November 16 & 19, 2023
	E-Newsletter Reminder of Open House #1	December 6, 2023
	Open House #1	December 7, 2023, 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm
	E-Newsletter Open House #1 Follow-up	December 11, 2023

Below is a summary of public involvement activities as of the date of this report.

7.1 Open House #1

Open House #1 for the Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive Area Improvements project was held on December 7, 2023 from 5:30-7:30pm at Hanshew Middle School. Attendees viewed presentation boards set up around the gym. These boards included a welcome board with instructions on how to participate, proposed improvements and schedule, project area map, and project history and background boards. Project area roll plot displayed on tables and comment forms provide an opportunity for attendees to leave feedback. Members of the project team were present for the duration of the event to answer questions and record feedback. Two comment forms were received from the Open House and several comments were left on the area roll plot.

Appendix A: Project Nomination Form

PROJECT NOMINATION FORM

Project No. CFHWY00752

SECTION 1: Nomination (to be completed by nominating entity)			
1	Nominated By:	Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities	
2	Contact:	Julia Hanson, P.E. (DOT&PF)	
3	Phone:	907-269-0753	Email: julia.hanson@alaska.gov
4	Street Name:	Academy Drive, Vanguard Drive	
5	Between	East of Abbott Rd and Vanguard Dr intersection West of Emily Place to the west	
6	Statement Problems to solved. (<i>What needs to be done? The problem definition should include: What are the underlying issues? What is the whole problem? What is the severity of the problem?</i>) (<i>as envisioned by nominating entity/ individual</i>):	The purpose and need of this project are to provide an improved travel corridor between Brayton Drive and Abbott Road. The east/west flow of traffic between Abbot Road and Brayton Drive is currently interrupted by a stop sign with a 90-degree turn at the intersection of Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive. The 90-degree intersection configuration may be replaced with one that allows more free-flow traffic conditions in the east-west direction. The project would improve east/west traffic connectivity, provide more efficient traffic flow, and better accommodate potential traffic volume increases which may be generated by a future extension of Academy Drive to the west beneath the Seward Highway. Vanguard Dr. and Academy Dr. are MOA managed and operated roadways. This project is being done in cooperation with AMATS and DOT&PF.	
7	Known Issues (<i>What are the problems?</i>) (<i>List all known issues, reasons for project, problems to be solved</i>)	The project is primarily focused on improving the east/west connection between Abbot Road and Brayton Drive. The project could address intersection conflicts, lack of pedestrian facilities, and drainage issues.	

SECTION 2: Technical Data Collection				
8	Classification	Minor Arterial II		
9	Lanes/Speed <i>(Note: 85th percentile speeds will be determined by project team)</i>	Street	Number of Lanes	Speed
				Posted
		Vanguard Dr	2	25
Academy Dr	2	25	37 mph (10/12/2023)	
10	Average Daily Traffic (ADT) <i>(Note: To be determined by project team)</i>	Street	Current Year: 2024	Design Year: 2048
		Vanguard Dr	1,073 (10/17/23 ADT)	2,100 (AADT) *South of Academy Dr.
		Academy Dr	2,359 (10/19/23 ADT)	13,956 (AADT)
11	Traffic Crash Data	During the period of 2017 to 2022, there were 25 total crashes along the project area. • 4 of these involved a non-moving object. • 2 of these involved a bicycle and a vehicle. • 1 of these involved a pedestrian and a vehicle. The remaining 13 crashes involved motor vehicles with other motor vehicles, including 12 angle crashes.		
12	Community Council	Abbott Loop, Bayshore/Klatt, Taku/Campbell		
13	Transit Service (List route numbers if transit service is available)	Route 55 Lake Otis- Runs along Abbott Road Closest stop- Abbott Rd and Independence Dr		
14	Assembly Districts	Assembly District 6- Randy Sulte and Zac Johnson		
15	Legislative Districts	House District 11- Julia Coulombe Senate District F- James Kaufman		
16	Capital Improvement Program Information (To be completed by MOA Staff)	PM&E Project Number: 09 - 04		
		Phase	Approx. Date	Est. Cost
		Design	2023-2025	\$3,000,000
		Right-of-way	2025	\$4,000,000
		Utilities	2027	\$200,000
		Bid Phase		
		Construction	2027	\$13,535,000
Total Project Estimate		\$20,735,000		

SECTION 2: Technical Data Collection		
17	MOA GRID	51007
18	Schools	Schools
		Elementary: Spring Hill
		Middle: Hanshew
		High: Service
		Safe Routes to Schools/School Walking Route Map Spring Hill Elementary School identifies Abbott Road as a “Do Not Cross here” and the project area is outside of the schools’ walking boundaries. The project area is also outside the Hanshew Middle School walking map, with exception to the section of Vanguard Dr between Academy Dr and Abbott Rd.

SECTION 3: Plan Conformance (to be completed by staff or consultants)		
(Review existing plans to see if the proposed project is included in these plans.)		
	Plan	Notes/Comments
19	Anchorage Bowl Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)	Short-Term Project #628- 92nd Ave./Academy Dr. Extension Add new facility—extend 92nd Avenue from Brayton Dr. to Abbott Rd.; Purpose: Circulation and access; Facility class: Collector (5); Length of project: 0.45 mile; Length of new sidewalk: 0.45 mile; Length of new pathway: 0.45 miles;
20	Official Streets and Highways Plan (OSHP)	Vanguard Dr and Academy Dr are classified as Minor Arterial II, which is identified as 2-4 lanes, 80-feet of right-of-way, and 10,000 – 20,000 Average annual daily traffic. Minor arterial streets are intended primarily to move through traffic. Provide landscaping to buffer areas and improve aesthetics.
21	Zoning/ Comprehensive Plan	<u>Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan</u> Land Use Designations Along the Academy Dr. and Vanguard Dr.- • Community Facility or Institution: properties to the north, including school and park facilities. • Light Industrial/ Commercial: properties north of Academy Dr. • Compact Mixed Residential-Medium: properties south of Academy Dr. • Town Center: Area directly surrounding Abbott Rd. Zoning: R2-M, R-2A, I-1, I-1SL, B-3 SL
22	Non-Motorized Transportation Plan	Recommends a study corridor along Abbott Rd, a separated bikeway along Academy Dr, and identifies Abbott Rd as a secondary pedestrian corridor.
23	Transit Development Plan	Transit on the Move – 2020 Transit Plan No identifies projects for immediate roadways. Proposed route Independence Park/Elmore- Project E would be south of the area improvements but could service the stakeholders in the area.
24	Areawide Trails Plan	Map shows a planned multi-use paved trail through the project corridor, from Abbott Road to Brayton Drive.

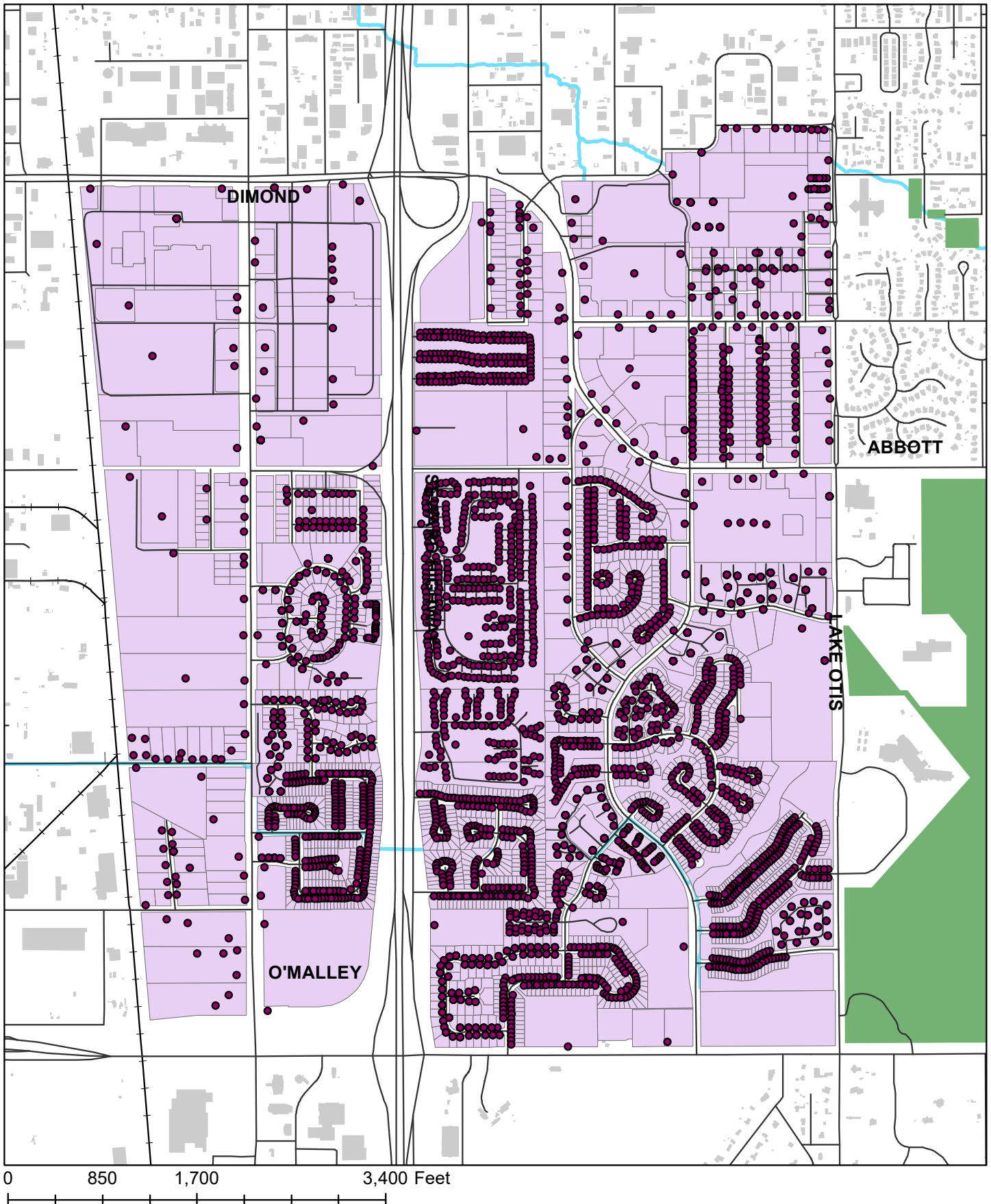
25	Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	MTP2040- #103 Academy Dr. and Vanguard Dr. project- identified as a short-term project to be constructed by 2030. MTP2050 (Anticipated to be adopted March 2024) - # TIP CS 7 Academy Drive/Vanguard Drive Area Traffic Circulation Improvements (Brayton Drive to Abbott Road) - identified as a municipal funded short-term project.
26	Street and Highway Landscaping Plan	This project will conform to the requirements outlined in the MOA's 2007 Design Criteria Manual Chapter 3.
27	2006 Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan	There is no plan directly within the project area. The area north of Academy Drive is identified as a potential area to acquire and develop into park land.
28	Wetlands Management Plan(March 2012)	There are no wetlands located in or adjacent to the project area.
29	Watershed Requirements	The project is within the Municipality of Anchorage so it will need to meet the drainage requirements set forth in the Municipality's current Design Criteria Manual. DOT&PF has also authored a Memorandum regarding Stormwater Facilities Design within the Municipality of Anchorage (dated August 28, 2018) that will be adhered to for this project.
30	Traffic Calming (Note whether a traffic calming plan exists for project area)	The streets are not listed in the 2024 Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program – Qualified Streets List
31	Electric Utility Undergrounding 5-year Plan	The project area would be considered in a target area, as outlined in the Undergrounding Plan 2020-2024. Undergrounding of any existing overhead utility lines would fall under the project scope.
32	Street Lighting	Street lighting will conform to the requirements outlined in the MOA's 2007 Design Criteria Manual Chapter 5.
33	Geotechnical Hazards Plan	Zone 3: Moderate ground failure susceptibility
34	Drainage Plan	Drainage will conform to the requirements outlined in the MOA's 2007 Design Criteria Manual Chapter 2.
35	Water and Wastewater Utility Plans	AWWU has no upcoming projects within the area improvement extents.
36	Background Documents <i>(list all on file)</i>	None

Appendix B: Stakeholder Mailing Area

**Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive Improvements
1963 Parcels
4503 Owner/Occupant Addresses
Source, MOA GIS & Property Tax Database**

Legend

- Mailing Area Addresses
- Streets
- Mailing Area Parcels



Appendix C: Open House- Summary, Comments and Public Notices

Academy Drive & Vanguard Drive: Open House #1 Summary

Date: December 7, 2023

Attendees: 14 (Sign-in Sheets Attached)

Reporter: Mandy Powers, Huddle AK

Location: Hanshew Middle School, 10121 Lake Otis Parkway, Anchorage, AK 99507

Project: Academy Drive & Vanguard Drive Area Improvements

Project # CFHWY00783 / **Federal #** 0001753

Subject: Open House #1 Summary

Summary

The first public meeting for the Academy Drive & Vanguard Drive Area Improvements project was held on Thursday, December 7, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Hanshew Middle School in Anchorage. Attendees viewed presentation boards set up around the gym, a project area roll plot displayed on tables, and had the opportunity to provide comments and ask questions of the project teams members.

The presentation boards included:

- Welcome Board with 'How to Participate' Instructions
- Proposed Improvements & Schedule
- Project Area Map
- Project History & Background

Summary of Comments and Input Received Verbally from Meeting Participants

- Pedestrian infrastructure:
 - Interest in improved pedestrian accommodations in the project area.
- Bicycle infrastructure:
 - Interest in bike paths in the project area.
- Connections
 - Interest in connections that will relieve traffic congestion.
- Traffic infrastructure:
 - Support for roundabouts.
- Participants seemed generally favorable of the project.
- Participants seemed excited at ideas to reduce speeds and build pedestrian facilities.
- Some expressed concerns about cut-through traffic in the Patriot Park neighborhood.
- There were side conversations about the O'Malley to Dimond project that included support for the Scooter Ave. interchange and concerns about the diverging diamond at O'Malley.
- Some expressed concerns about the potential increase in overall traffic volumes.
- Multiple residents asked if a signal will be constructed at the Abbott Road intersection.
- Multiple residents inquired about future improvements on Vanguard Drive (all the way to Independence Drive).
- Two (2) written comments were received and they can be found in the appendix.
- Attendees had the opportunity to write comments on post-it notes on the roll plot. Photos of those notes are included in the appendix.

Open House Advertising

Mailing: A postcard invitation to the open house was sent via the USPS on November 14, 2023.

Web: The project website (<https://academyvanguard.com/>) was updated with the open house information, including the date, time, and location on November 13, 2023.

Email: An e-newsletter announcing the public meeting was sent to the project email list on November 16, 2023, and a reminder e-newsletter was sent on December 6, 2023.

Newspaper: A public notice for the meeting was placed in the Anchorage Daily News and it ran on November 16, 2023, and November 19, 2023.

Open House Follow-Up

An e-newsletter was sent out to the project email list on December 11, 2023, thanking those who were able to attend and providing updates to those who were not able to make it.

Attachments

1. Public Comment Forms Received
2. Presentation Boards
3. Roll Plot Comments
4. Attendance List
5. Public Meeting Advertisements (Emails, Mailer, Newspaper)



Public Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Meeting: Academy Dr & Vanguard Dr Area Improvements

Date: December 7, 2023

Location: Hanshaw Middle School, 10121 Lake Otis Parkway, Anchorage

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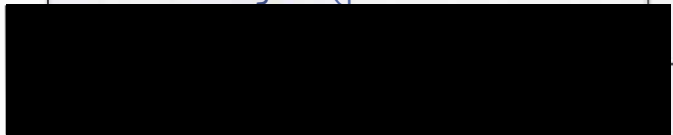
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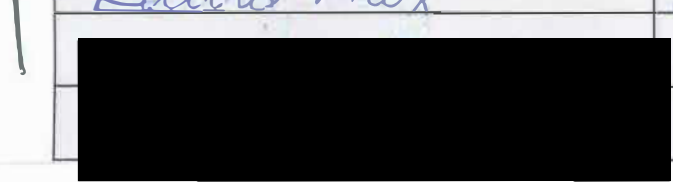
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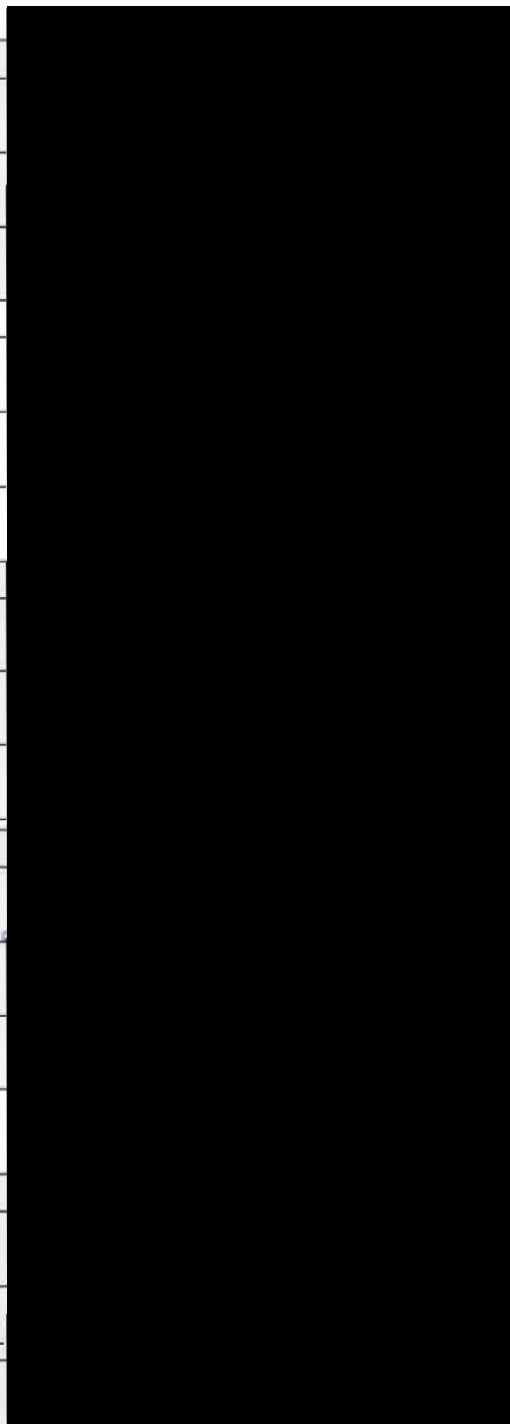
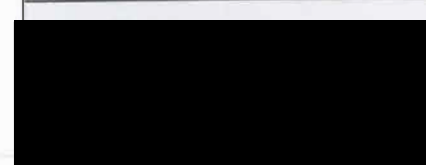
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Welcome!

Academy Drive & Vanguard Drive Area Improvements Open House #1

Thursday, December 7, 2023
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Project # CFHWY00783
Federal # 0001753



Introduction

This reconstruction project will improve and realign Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive to better accommodate traffic increases that are anticipated to occur after the Seward Highway: O'Malley to Dimond Reconstruction project extends Academy Drive to the west under the Seward Highway connecting to Scooter Avenue.

How to Participate in this Open House:



Sign-in and receive
a Fact Sheet.

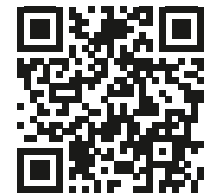


Visit the stations to ask
questions and talk with the
project team.



View updates on the
project website.

<https://academyvanguard.com/>



Stay informed: Scan the
code to join the project
email list.



Academy Drive & Vanguard Drive Area Improvements

PROJECT # CFHWY00783 / Federal # 001753

Proposed Improvements & Schedule

The project may include the following improvements:

- roadway realignment(s),
- intersection improvements,
- drainage improvements,
- right-of-way acquisitions,
- utility relocations,
- pedestrian improvements,
- accessibility improvements,
- and roadside hardware.

June 2023

Project Start

2024

Environmental Document
Complete

2025

75% Design

2026

95% Design

2027

Construction



<https://academyvanguard.com/>



Academy Drive & Vanguard Drive Area Improvements

PROJECT # CFHWY00783 / Federal # 001753

Project Area Map





Academy Drive & Vanguard Drive Area Improvements

PROJECT # CFHWY00783 / Federal # 001753

Project History & Background

Previous Municipal Project - Bond Funded

- Developed five alternative routes
- Selected preferred alternative and moved to 95% Design

Project was added to 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) in July 2021

- This project is now federally funded and led by DOT&PF, in collaboration with the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA)
- Project must develop an environmental document following National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process
- Project will use the selected route from previous MOA analysis, but will reevaluate the traffic analysis, roadway alignment, typical section, and other project improvements

Academy Drive & Vanguard Drive Area Improvements

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Comment Form

Please use this form to provide written comments to the project team.

Name BONNIE ALLEN	Date 12/7/2023

☒ Check here to sign up for email project updates.

COMMENTS

YES!! BETTER CONNECTIONS BRAYTON TO ABBOTT
YES!! ROUNDABOUTS & TRAFFIC CIRCLES WORK!
YES! BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ACCOMMODATIONS!

PLEASE EMAIL ME ABOUT
O'MALLEY TO DIAMOND PROJECT
THANK YOU!

Please submit this comment form to any member of the project team or send to:

Julia Hanson, DOT&PF, PO Box 196900, Anchorage, AK 99519

Email: julia.hanson@alaska.gov

<https://academyvanguard.com/>

Academy Drive & Vanguard Drive Area Improvements

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Comment Form

Please use this form to provide written comments to the project team.

Name <u>Fred Gregory</u>	Date <u>12-7-23</u>
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COMMENTS

I would like to see both Academy and Scooter
projects move forward. I live in Independence Park
and both projects would be very helpful for vehicle,
foot and bicycle traffic. We need more east-west
access to relieve traffic on Dimond and O'Malley

More walking + bicycle paths are very important.

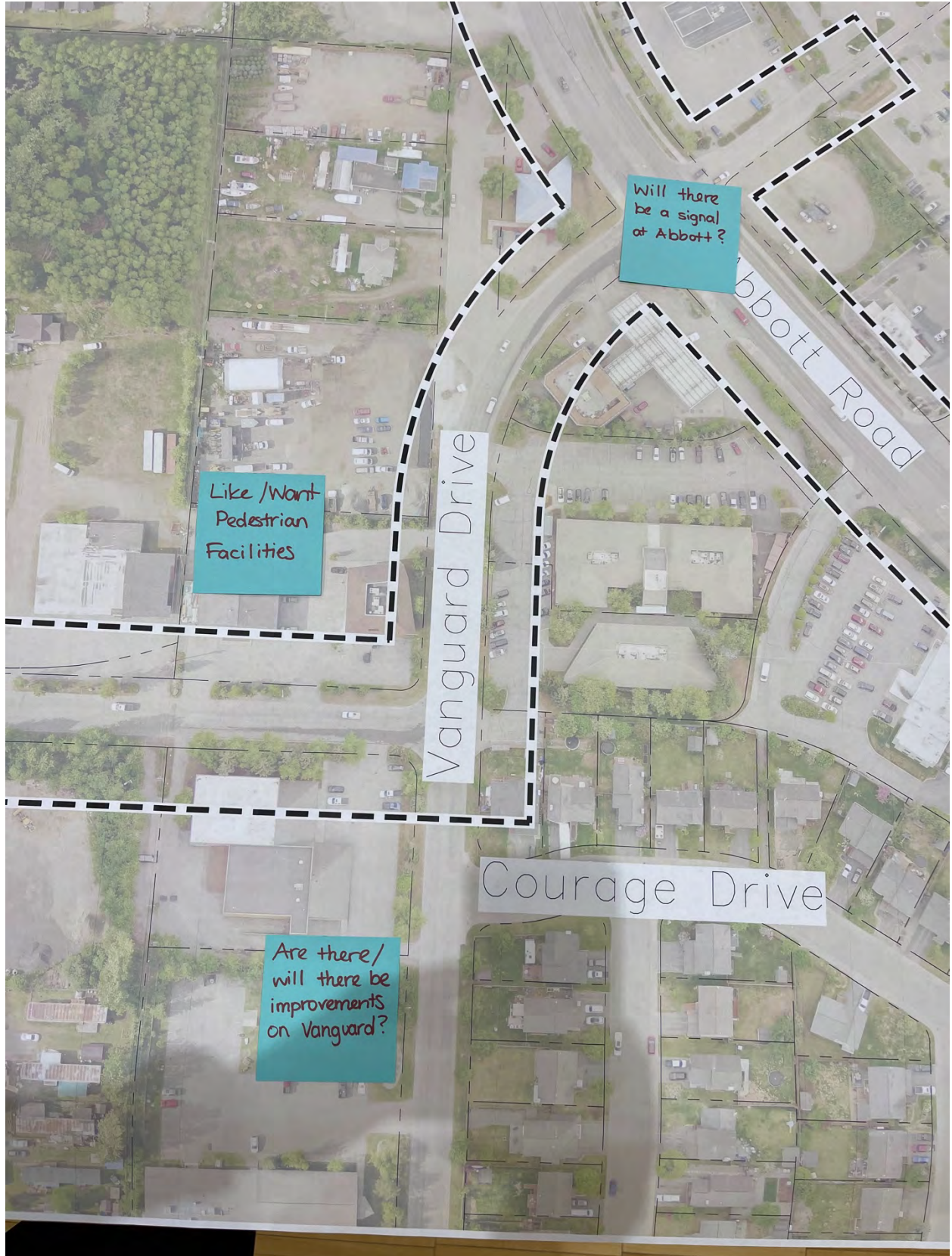
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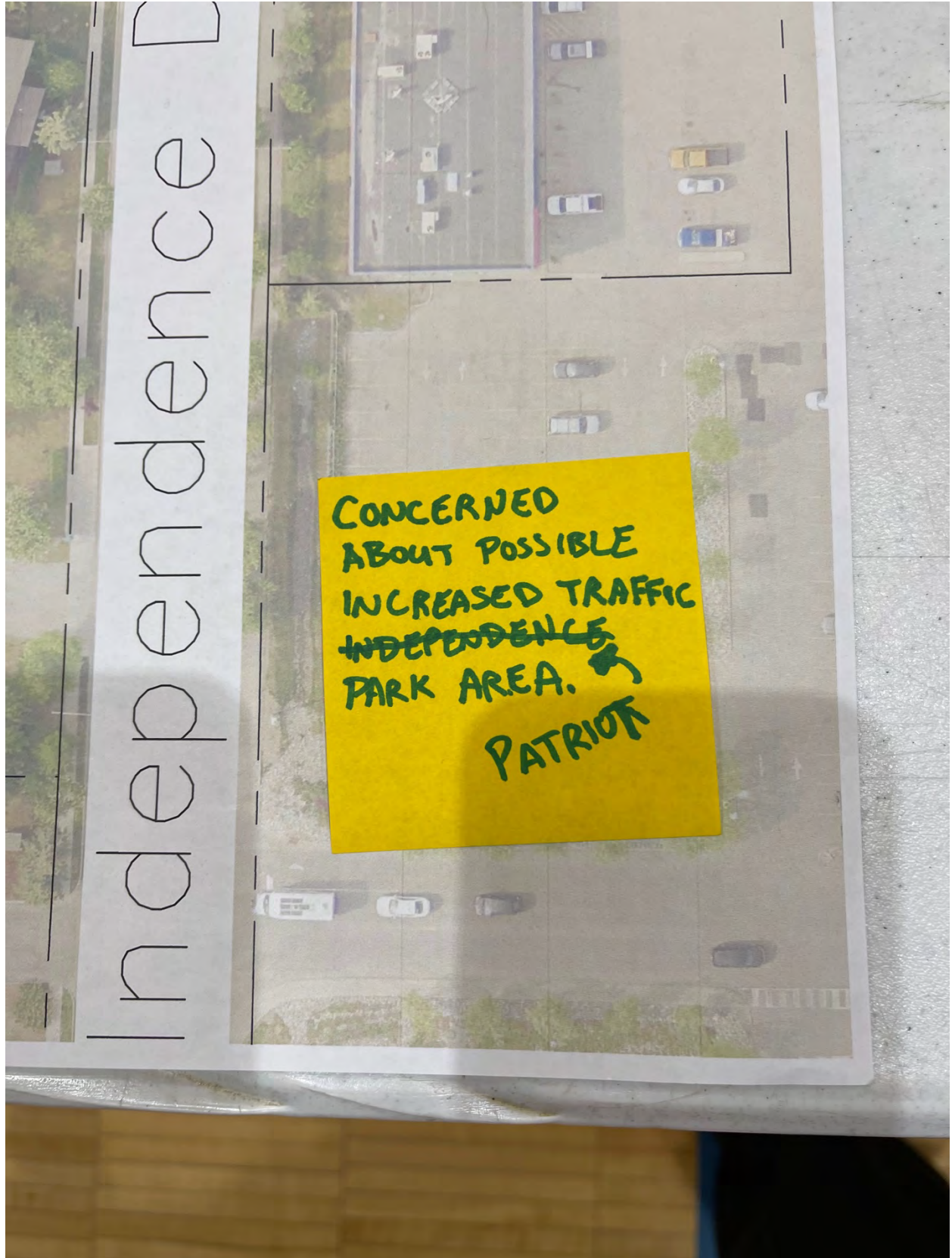
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Mandy Powers <mandypowers3@gmail.com>

Please Join us for Open House #1

1 message

Huddle AK <holly@huddleak.com>

Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 8:59 PM

Reply-To: Huddle AK <holly@huddleak.com>

To: mandypowers3@gmail.com



Join us for Open House #1

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When: Thursday, December 7, 2023, 5:30 to 7:30 pm**Where: Hanshew Middle School**[10121 Lake Otis Parkway](#)

Anchorage, AK 99507

You can learn about the project, ask questions, and meet the project team. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Visit the Project Website](#)

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PROJECT AREA MAP



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If you have any questions, please contact:

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Our mailing address is:

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 12:31:26 Alaska Standard Time

Subject: REMINDER: Open House #1 Tomorrow!

Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 11:59:39 AM Alaska Standard Time

From: Huddle AK <holly@huddleak.com>

To: Mandy Powers <mandy@huddleAK.com>



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Academy Dr & Vanguard Dr Area Improvements

YOU'RE INVITED: PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #1

Join the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) at this public open house to learn more about the reconstruction project to improve and realign Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive.

WHEN:

Thursday, December 7, 2023
5:30-7:30 pm

WHERE:

Hanshaw Middle School
10121 Lake Otis Parkway
Anchorage, AK 99507



Project Background

DOT&PF is improving and realigning Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive to better accommodate traffic increases that are anticipated to occur after other road projects in the area are completed.

The project may include:

- roadway realignment(s)
- intersection improvements,
- drainage improvements,
- right-of-way acquisitions,
- utility relocations,
- pedestrian improvements,
- and roadside hardware.

It is the policy of DOT&PF that no person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied benefits of any and all programs or activities we provide based on race, religion, gender, age, marital status, ability or national origin regardless of the funding source including Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Highway Administration and State of Alaska Funds.

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Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
P.O. Box 196900
Anchorage, AK 99519-6900

Academy Dr & Vanguard Dr

Area Improvements

Attend Public Open House #1 on:

December 7, 2023

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Hanshaw Middle School

10121 Lake Otis Parkway
Anchorage, AK 99507



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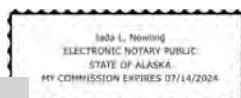
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

2024-07-14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING. Academy Drive & Vanguard Drive Area Improvements Public Open House #1: December 7, 2023 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Hanshew Middle School, 10121 Lake Otis Pkwy, Anchorage, AK 99507. Join DOT&PF and the project team to learn more about the reconstruction project to improve and realign Academy Drive and Vanguard Drive. For more information or to submit comments, go to: academyvanguard.com. The DOT&PF operates Federal Programs without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Full Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy: dot.alaska.gov/tvi_statement.shtml. To file a complaint, go to: dot.alaska.gov/cvlrts/titlevi.shtml. The DOT&PF complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, and/or special modifications to participate in this public meeting should contact Holly Spoth-Torres at 907-223-0136 or holly@huddleak.com. For individuals requiring TTY communications, please contact Alaska Relay by dialing 711 or 800-770-8255. Requests should be made at least 7 days before the accommodation is needed.

Pub: Nov. 16, 19/2023



Abbott Loop Community Council

Cass Frost

From: Holly Spoth-Torres
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 3:38 PM
To: Cass Frost
Subject: FW: RE: Agenda Notice Request for your November 16th Meeting

Holly Spoth-Torres
Principal, Huddle AK
Call or Text: 907-223-0136



From: Holly Spoth-Torres
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 1:41 PM
To: 'Kathleen Easley BSN, RN, NCSN' <katmandu26@hotmail.com>; Lizzie Newell <lizzienewellscifi@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: RE: Agenda Notice Request for your November 16th Meeting

Thank you! Just so you know, we won't have anyone in attendance, we mostly want to make sure you announce the public meeting.

You can share the project website that is now live and has all of the public meeting info and a project fact sheet.

<https://academyvanguard.com/>

Holly Spoth-Torres
Principal, Huddle AK
Call or Text: 907-223-0136



From: Kathleen Easley BSN, RN, NCSN <katmandu26@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 1:29 PM
To: Lizzie Newell <lizzienewellscifi@gmail.com>; Holly Spoth-Torres <Holly@huddleAK.com>
Subject: Re: RE: Agenda Notice Request for your November 16th Meeting

Holly- we have you on our agenda for the November 16th Abbott Loop Community council meeting. We meet at Trailside Elementary 6:30-8:30pm.

The agenda will be posted on our website shortly.

Here <https://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/2.html> under Newsletter/Agenda section on the right side of the page.

We are also having a potluck if you are interested in bringing anything you are welcome to, but do not have to. <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/61390046090/false#/invitation>



2024 ALCC Meeting/Potluck

SignUp.com makes it easy to coordinate school events & classroom activities, fundraisers, snack schedules, potlucks & more!

signup.com

Thank you! See you there!

Kathleen
ALCC Secretary

From: Lizzie Newell <lizzienewellscifi@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 7:23 PM
To: Kathleen Easley <katmandu26@hotmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: RE: Agenda Notice Request for your November 13th Meeting

Let's get this on the next meeting agenda. Thanks.
--Lizzie

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Forwarded via [Mailstrom!](#)

RE: Agenda Notice Request for your November 13th Meeting

Tue, Oct 24, 2023 at 1:36pm

From: Holly Spoth-Torres (Holly@huddleAK.com)
To: lizzienewellscifi@gmail.com (lizzienewellscifi@gmail.com)

Wait! I think your meeting is November 16th. (the website has the date listed differently in two places)

Holly Spoth-Torres
Principal, Huddle AK
Call or Text: 907-223-0136



From: Holly Spoth-Torres
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 1:34 PM
To: lizzienewellscifi@gmail.com
Subject: Agenda Notice Request for your November 13th Meeting

Hi Lizzie,

I'm writing today on behalf of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. I am working on a road project in your council area called Academy Dr & Vanguard Dr Area Improvements.

We are holding a public meeting in December and are wondering if you would list the meeting on your agenda as a notice. We don't need time on the agenda – just advertising the public meeting on your agenda would be helpful.

We are still in the process of creating all the project materials (fact sheet, website, public meeting notice) and will forward those around the first week of November when they are ready.

What do you think? Can you list the meeting on your agenda to help get the word out?

Academy Dr & Vanguard Dr Area Improvements Open House #1

When: Thursday, December 7, 2023, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Where: Hanshew Middle School [\[map\]](#)

10121 Lake Otis Parkway

Anchorage, AK 99507

Thank you!

Holly Spoth-Torres
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November 16th, 2023

AGENDA- ALCC General Membership Meeting

POTLUCK and MEETING

******HYBRID MEETING******

- **IN PERSON:** Trail Side Elementary, 5151 Abbott Rd
- **VIA ZOOM:** Meeting ID: 844 8192 6062 Passcode: ALCC
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84481926062?pwd=R2dvRXIpMXEyREJ4ZDFsNFY0L0NlZz09>

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- Our meetings/setting is informal and respectful participation is encouraged.
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Zoom Meeting etiquette:

- The hybrid meetings are newer to our council, so have patience with us and the technology.
- You must list your name. If you are a member of Abbott Loop Community Council- type ALCC after your name. If you are a guest- type guest and/or your affiliation after your name.
- Please do not use the chat for private or side conversations. Chat can be used to add relevant info such as links or contact info. Or to gently help us “fine tune” our meeting by indicating sound problems, etc.
- To ask a question or make a comment use the raise hand function.
- Prior to speaking each speaker should state their name and if they are a member (Abbott Loop address/area) or guest.

If you would like to receive email notifications from the Federation of Community Councils about ALCC meetings, visit www.communitycouncils.org and click “Sign-Up” (upper right-hand corner of page). This will get you registered for emails and reminders before meetings.

Call to Order

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda
- Approval of minutes from October 19th, 2023: Kathleen Easley
- Treasurer’s report: Heather Schrage

Legislative Reports: Q & A

- Senator District F: James Kaufman
- Representative District 11: Julie Coulombe
- Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage

Community Reports and Q & A:

- APD- can request an officer and they will attend if duties permit, not requested for November.
- [Assembly member\(s\)](#)
- [School Board member\(s\)](#)
- [Mayor’s Office Report](#)
- [JBER Community Engagement](#)

Candidate Introductions

Reports

FCC Representative: Lizzie Newell

HALO Report: Lizzie Newell

Roads & Projects Committee: Mary Miner

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Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner

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Planning & Zoning Committee: Mary Miner

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Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: Yolanda Meza

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Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

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Abbott Loop Community Patrol: Patty Higgins <http://www.accpatrols.org/>

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Old Business

- Capital Projects meeting on 11/6- Lizzie

New Business

- DOWL- Morgan McCammon- information about resurface planning of Dowling Road between Lake Otis Parkway and Elmore Road.
- Holly Spoth-Torres-Huddle AK- Academy Dr & Vanguard Dr Area Improvements
- December meeting decision

Announcements/Comments

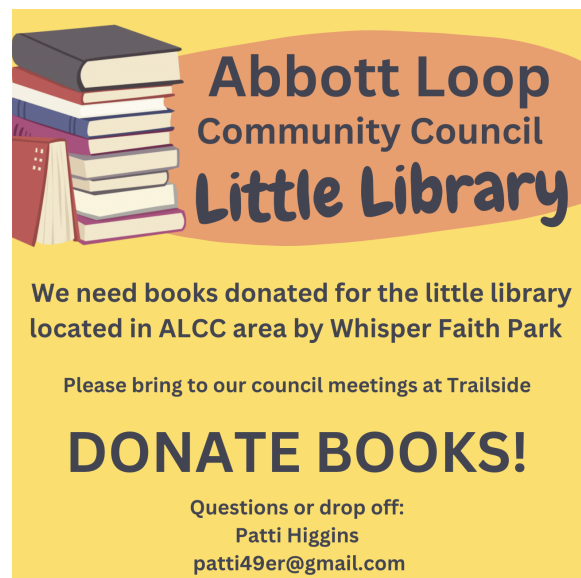
- Please bring a book or two! Request is for books to fill our Little Library at Whisper Faith Park. Patti Higgins is the POC and will deliver to the library if members bring to meetings.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

ALCC monthly meetings are usually the last Thursday of the month but can be subject to changes based on holidays and the ASD school schedule.

- December 14th (TBA)
- January 25th
- February 15th
- March 28th

Adjourn



- [Abbott Loop Community Council Home Page](#)
- ALCC Bylaws <https://www.communitycouncils.org/download/19507.pdf>
- [Abbott Loop Community Facebook](#) search @abbottloopcc
- [Whisper Faith Kovach Playground & Fenced Dog Park Facebook Group](#)
- Abbott Loop South and Abbott Loop North on Next Door www.nextdoor.com
- [Anchorage Assembly](#), Email the Anchorage Assembly wwwasmc@anchorageak.gov,
- Anchorage Assembly Newsletter Sign Up [HERE](#)
- Anchorage Assembly 101 playlist for those wanting to learn all about Assembly procedures, how to participate, etc. [HERE](#)
- [Anchorage Mayor's office](#), or [Email the Mayor](#)
- [Alaska State Legislature Home Page](#)
 - Email District F Senator James Kaufman at Senator.James.Kaufman@akleg.gov
 - Email District 11 Representative Julie Coulombe at Representative.Julie.Coulombe@akleg.gov
 - Email District 12 Representative Calvin Schrage at Representative.Calvin.Schrage@akleg.gov
- [Information about Accessory Dwelling Unit Project](#)
- Information about the Academy Dr/Vanguard Dr. Project <http://www.academyandvanguard.com/>
- Information for the [Dowling/Seward Highway project 2022/2023](#)
- State of Alaska DOT Seward Highway project O'Malley to Dimond can be found here: <http://www.sewardhighway.info/>
- Information for the Seward Highway & 36th Avenue Interchange Project <http://www.36thinterchange.com/>
- Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Link [HERE](#)
- APD safety message emails or text alerts: Rave Mobile Safety, [Sign up here](#) or Text the word "Anchorage" to the number 67283.
- JBER Community Engagement Jber.pa@us.af.mil 907-551-8996

The Abbott Loop Community Council generally meets the last Thursday of the month from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Trailside Elementary.

June and July gatherings are generally held outside at one of the ALCC parks.

If you have agenda items, please send your requests to both: Bruce Roberts brucearoberts@hotmail.com 907-952-9969 & Kathleen Easley katmandu26@hotmail.com 907-748-6076.

Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)

I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English) ~ Translation by Joel Isaak and Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart

ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2023-2024

OFFICERS		BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
PRESIDENT	Lizzie Newell	Pat O'Hara	Emily Sullivan	Charles Joy
VICE-PRESIDENT	Susan Soule	Mark Miner	Yolanda Meza	Patti Higgins
SECRETARY	Kathleen Easley	Kari Nore	Marilyn Russell	Jon Roder
TREASURER	Heather Schrage			

STANDING COMMITTEES SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Parks & Rec	Roads & Projects	Planning & Zoning	Cannabis & Alcohol	Membership & Events	Community Patrol	By-Laws Committee
Mark Miner Chair	Mary Miner Chair	Mary Miner Chair	Yolanda Meza Chair	Lizzie Newell Chair	Patti Higgins Lead	Kari Nore Chair
Sheila Cernich	Dan Boland	Akis Gialopsis		Kari Nore	Patti Higgins	Susan Soule
Patti Higgins	Mike Moeglein	Dan Boland		Sheila Cernich	Pat Higgins	Patti Higgins
Susan Soule	Bruce Roberts			Patti Higgins	Thomas Greenman	
					Phil Parks	

Bayshore/Klatt Community Council

Cass Frost

From: Holly Spoth-Torres
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 3:40 PM
To: Cass Frost
Subject: FW: Agenda Notice Request for your November 16th Meeting

Holly Spoth-Torres
Principal, Huddle AK
Call or Text: 907-223-0136



From: Holly Spoth-Torres
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 1:43 PM
To: Bruce Schulte <b_schulte@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Agenda Notice Request for your November 16th Meeting

Here is the website that you can share! There is a fact sheet on the “documents” tab and the meeting info can be found on the “meetings” tab.

<https://academyvanguard.com/>

Academy Dr & Vanguard Dr Area Improvements

Open House #1

When: Thursday, December 7, 2023, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Where: Hanshew Middle School [[map](#)]

10121 Lake Otis Parkway
Anchorage, AK 99507

Holly Spoth-Torres
Principal, Huddle AK
Call or Text: 907-223-0136



From: Holly Spoth-Torres
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 9:13 AM
To: Bruce Schulte <b_schulte@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Agenda Notice Request for your November 16th Meeting

I will have something – DOT is currently reviewing and I will share when I can. 😊

Thank you!

Holly Spoth-Torres
Principal, Huddle AK
Call or Text: 907-223-0136



From: Bruce Schulte <b_schulte@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 8:58 AM
To: Holly Spoth-Torres <Holly@huddleAK.com>
Subject: Re: Agenda Notice Request for your November 16th Meeting

Sure - I'd be happy to put out the word.

Do you have any sort of Notice that we could distribute along with our November meeting agenda ?

Bruce

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 2, 2023, at 8:03 AM, Holly Spoth-Torres <Holly@huddleak.com> wrote:

Just following up on this request. Please let me know if you can alert your council about this upcoming meeting.

Holly Spoth-Torres
Principal, Huddle AK
Call or Text: 907-223-0136
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From: Holly Spoth-Torres
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 1:36 PM
To: b_schulte@yahoo.com
Subject: Agenda Notice Request for your November 16th Meeting

Hi Bruce,

I'm writing today on behalf of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. I am working on a road project in your council area called Academy Dr & Vanguard Dr Area Improvements.

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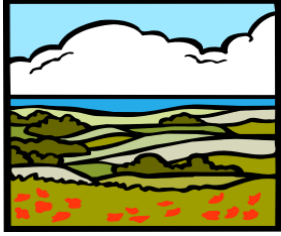
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Holly Spoth-Torres

Principal, Huddle AK

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**Bayshore/Klatt
Community
Council**

**Agenda for Monthly Meeting
Thursday Nov. 16, 2023 @
7:00 PM**

President
Bruce Schulte

Vice-President

Secretary / Treasurer
Ryan Thibault

Please note: This will be a hybrid - in-person / Zoom meeting.

In-person will be at:

Bayshore Clubhouse
3131 Amber Bay Loop
Anchorage, AK 99515

Contact E-Mail: BayKlattCC@hotmail.com

Executive Board actions since last meeting:
None

I. CONSENT AGENDA (7:00) – All subsequent times are approximate

- A. Call to Order
- B. Review / Approval of minutes from previous meeting
- C. Legislator reports:
- D. Assembly reports: (7:20)
- E. JBER Update (Joy Boston) (7:40)
- F. Anchorage Police Department
- G. Fire Station 15 local report
- H. Anchorage School Board Update (TBD)
- I. FCC Reports (Bob and Marie Laule)
- J. Bayshore Klatt Patrol

II. OLD BUSINESS (8:00)

III. NEW BUSINESS (8:15)

A. Nominations for CC Board members (elections to be held at December meeting)

IV. OTHER NOTICES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

❖ DOT/PF Road Project Oopen House

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❖ The Bayshore Klatt Community Patrol is looking for volunteers. <http://www.accpatrols.org/>

V. ADJOURNMENT

Next scheduled meeting Thursday Dec 14 2023.

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Taku/Campbell Community Council

Cass Frost

From: Holly Spoth-Torres
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To: Cass Frost
Subject: FW: Agenda Notice Request for your November 9th Meeting

From: Holly Spoth-Torres
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 1:43 PM
To: bernibradley@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Agenda Notice Request for your November 9th Meeting

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To: bernibradley@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Agenda Notice Request for your November 9th Meeting

Just following up on this request. Please let me know if you can alert your council about this upcoming meeting.

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